

Daily Digest

Senate

Chamber Action

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Measures Introduced: Fourteen bills and four resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 3263–3276, S. Res. 495–497, and S. Con. Res. 36. **Pages S989–90**

Measures Reported:

S. 512, to establish an advisory office within the Bureau of Consumer Protection of the Federal Trade Commission to prevent fraud targeting seniors. (S. Rept. No. 116–215)

S. 982, to increase intergovernmental coordination to identify and combat violent crime within Indian lands and of Indians, with an amendment in the nature of a substitute. (S. Rept. No. 116–214)

S. 3239, to designate the headquarters building of the Department of Transportation located at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, in Washington, DC, as the “William T. Coleman, Jr., Federal Building”.

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Measures Passed:

VA waiver request approval: Committee on Veterans’ Affairs was discharged from further consideration of H.J. Res. 80, approving the request of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs for a waiver under section 1703E(f) of title 38, United States Code, and the resolution was then passed.

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National Tribal Colleges and University Week: Committee on the Judiciary was discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 491, designating the week beginning February 2, 2020, as “National Tribal Colleges and University Week”, and the resolution was then agreed to.

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Kindred Nomination—Agreement: By 52 yeas to 41 nays (Vote No. EX. 37), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination of Joshua M. Kindred, to be United States District Judge for the District of Alaska.

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A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at approximately 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, February 12, 2020, Senate resume consideration of the nomination, post-cloture.

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Schelp Nomination—Cloture: By 72 yeas to 22 nays (Vote No. EX. 38), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination of Matthew Thomas Schelp, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Missouri.

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Kness Nomination—Cloture: By 82 yeas to 12 nays (Vote No. EX. 39), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination of John Fitzgerald Kness, to be United States District Judge for the Northern District of Illinois.

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Halpern Nomination—Cloture: Senate resumed consideration of the nomination of Philip M. Halpern, to be United States District Judge for the Southern District of New York.

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During consideration of this nomination today, Senate also took the following action:

By 75 yeas to 18 nays (Vote No. EX. 40), Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the nomination.

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Nominations Confirmed: Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 52 yeas to 43 nays (Vote No. EX. 36), Andrew Lynn Brasher, of Alabama, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Eleventh Circuit.

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John Hennessey-Niland, of Illinois, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Palau.

Donald Wright, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the United Republic of Tanzania.

Dorothy Shea, of North Carolina, to be Ambassador to the Lebanese Republic.

Todd C. Chapman, of Texas, to be Ambassador to the Federative Republic of Brazil.

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Record Votes: Five record votes were taken today. (Total—40) Pages S979–81

Adjournment: Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 5:49 p.m., until 9:30 a.m. on Wednesday, February 12, 2020. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S997.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

U.S. STRATEGY IN AFGHANISTAN

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded a hearing to examine United States strategy in Afghanistan, after receiving testimony from General John M. Keane, USA (Ret.), Chairman, Institute for the Study of War, former Vice Chief of Staff, United States Army, Colin F. Jackson, Professor, Strategy and Policy Department, United States Naval War College, former Deputy Assistant Secretary for Afghanistan, Pakistan, and Central Asia, and Brigadier General Kimberly C. Field, USA (Ret.), Bush School of Government and Public Service Albritton Center for Grand Strategy, former Senior Advisor to the Commander, Operation Resolute Support, all of the Department of Defense.

INTERCOLLEGIATE ATHLETIC COMPENSATION

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Subcommittee on Manufacturing, Trade, and Consumer Protection concluded a hearing to examine the state of intercollegiate athlete compensation, after receiving testimony from Bob Bowlsby, Big 12 Conference, Irving, Texas; Mark Emmert, Indianapolis, Indiana, and Kendall Spencer, Washington, D.C., both of the National Collegiate Athletic Association; Douglas A. Girod, University of Kansas, Lawrence; and Ramogi Huma, National College Players Association, Norco, California.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Katharine MacGregor, of Pennsylvania, to be Deputy Secretary, and Lanny Erdos, of Ohio, to be Director of the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, both of the Department of the Interior.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 3239, to designate the headquarters building of the Department of Transportation located at 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, in Washington, DC, as the "William T. Coleman, Jr., Federal Building"; and 18 General Services Administration resolutions.

EFFECTIVE CYBERSECURITY

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine a roadmap for effective cybersecurity, focusing on what states, locals, and the business community should know and do, after receiving testimony from Christopher Krebs, Director, Cybersecurity and Infrastructure Security Agency, Department of Homeland Security; Amanda Crawford, Texas Department of Information Resources Executive Director, Austin; and Chris Derusha, Michigan Chief Security Officer, Lansing.

THE AFGHANISTAN PAPERS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Subcommittee on Federal Spending Oversight and Emergency Management concluded a hearing to examine the Afghanistan Papers, focusing on costs and benefits of America's longest war, after receiving testimony from John F. Sopko, Special Inspector General for Afghanistan Reconstruction; Douglas Lute, Harvard Kennedy School Belfer Center for Science and International Affairs, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Richard A. Boucher, Brown University Watson Institute for International and Public Affairs, Washington, D.C.; and Lieutenant Colonel Daniel L. Davis, USA (Ret.), Defense Priorities, Sterling, Virginia.

MEDICAL CARE FOR CHILDREN

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine ensuring appropriate medical care for children, including S. 130, to amend title 18, United States Code, to prohibit a health care practitioner from failing to exercise the proper degree of care in the case of a child who survives an abortion or attempted abortion, after receiving testimony from Robin Pierucci, Neonatal Intensive Care Unit, Kalamazoo, Michigan; Fatima Goss Graves, National Women's Law Center, and Patrina Mosley, Family Research Council, both of Washington, D.C.; Jill Stanek, Susan B. Anthony List, Arlington, Virginia; and Erika Christensen, New York, New York.

DIGITAL MILLENIUM COPYRIGHT ACT

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee on Intellectual Property concluded a hearing to examine the

Digital Millennium Copyright Act at 22, focusing on what it is, why it was enacted, and where are we now, after receiving testimony from Edward J. Damich, Senior Judge, United States Court of Federal Claims; Jonathan Band, Jonathan Band PLLC, Robert S. Schwartz, Constantine Cannon LLP, and Steven J. Metalitz, Mitchell, Silberberg and Knupp LLP, all of Washington, D.C.; Sandra Aistars,

George Mason University Antonin Scalia Law School Center for the Protection of Intellectual Property, Arlington, Virginia; Rebecca Tushnet, Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts; Jessica Litman, University of Michigan Law School, Ann Arbor; and Mark Schultz, University of Akron School of Law Intellectual Property and Technology Law Center, Akron, Ohio.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 17 public bills, H.R. 5840–5856; and 5 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 89; and H. Res. 845–848, were introduced. **Pages H1045–46**

Additional Cosponsors: **Page H1047**

Reports Filed: There were no reports filed today.

Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein she appointed Representative Cuellar to act as Speaker pro tempore for today. **Page H1019**

Recess: The House recessed at 10:27 a.m. and reconvened at 12 noon. **Page H1022**

Guest Chaplain: The prayer was offered by the Guest Chaplain, Rev. Dr. Cheryl Coleman Hall, Nineteenth Street Baptist Church, Washington, DC. **Page H1022**

Protecting America's Wilderness Act and Removing the deadline for the ratification of the equal rights amendment—Rule for Consideration: The House agreed to H. Res. 844, providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2546) to designate certain lands in the State of Colorado as components of the National Wilderness Preservation System; providing for consideration of the joint resolution (H.J. Res. 79) removing the deadline for the ratification of the equal rights amendment, by a yeas-and-nays vote of 222 yeas to 185 nays, Roll No. 58, after the previous question was ordered by a yeas-and-nays vote of 222 yeas to 186 nays, Roll No. 57.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measure:

Smithsonian Women's History Museum Act: H.R. 1980, amended, to establish in the Smithsonian Institution a comprehensive women's history museum, by a $\frac{2}{3}$ yeas-and-nays vote of 374 yeas to 37 nays, Roll No. 59. **Pages H1029–35, H1037**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Three yeas-and-nays votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H1035–36, H1036, and H1037. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 3:31 p.m.

Committee Meetings

ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES FROM LOCAL AGRICULTURAL MARKETS

Committee on Agriculture: Subcommittee on Biotechnology, Horticulture, and Research held a hearing entitled "Economic Opportunities from Local Agricultural Markets". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

AMERICAN INDIAN AND ALASKA NATIVE PUBLIC WITNESS DAY 1

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies held a hearing entitled "American Indian and Alaska Native Public Witness Day 1". Testimony was heard from public witnesses.

APPROPRIATIONS—USDA OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies held a budget hearing on the USDA Office of Inspector General. Testimony was heard from the following Department of Agriculture Office of Inspector General officials: Ann Coffey, Deputy Inspector General; Phyllis Fong, Inspector General; Gil Harden, Assistant Inspector General for Audit; and Peter Paradis, Sr., Acting Assistant Inspector General for Investigations.

APPROPRIATIONS—OPEN WORLD LEADERSHIP CENTER

Committee on Appropriations: Subcommittee on Legislative Branch held a budget hearing on the Open